



# Candidate Application Materials for Truman Scholarships

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Finalists announced: **February 15, 2000**

*Harry Truman*

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

## Notes to Candidates for Year 2000 Truman Scholarships

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards \$30,000 merit-based scholarships to college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

In 2000, 75 to 80 students will be awarded Truman Scholarships. They will receive leadership training, graduate school counseling, preferential admission and merit-based aid to some premier graduate institutions, and internship opportunities with federal agencies. They will establish friendships with persons sharing similar values and interests.

Scholars are eligible to receive \$3,000 for the senior year of undergraduate education and \$27,000 for graduate studies. Scholars in one-year or two-year graduate programs are eligible to receive \$13,500 per year. Scholars in law programs are eligible to receive \$13,500 for the second year and \$13,500 at the start of the third year's second semester if they present evidence that they will enter public service immediately upon graduation or completion of any clerkships. Scholars in longer graduate programs are eligible to receive \$9,000 per year for three years.

In 2000, one or more scholarships will be available to a qualified resident nominee in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and, considered as a single entity, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (the Islands).

### A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

The Foundation defines public service as employment in government at any level, uniformed services, public-interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, public and private schools, and public-service oriented nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy or disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment.

The Foundation seeks persons who aspire for positions in government or the nonprofit and advocacy sectors where they wish to improve the ways in which federal, state, or local government agencies, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations serve the public and protect resources.

The Foundation has supported Truman Scholars in many fields of study, including agriculture, biology, engineering, environmental management, physical and social sciences, and technology policy, as well as traditional fields such as economics, education, government, history, international

relations, law, political science, public administration, nonprofit management, public policy, and public health.

Past Truman Scholarship winners serve as managers of government programs, legislators and aides for legislative bodies, foreign service officers, school teachers, staff members in policy analysis and research organizations, attorneys for government agencies, public defenders, professors, and professional staff in advocacy organizations and not-for-profit institutions.

### CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be nominated by their current institution of higher education or by their two-year institution if they are transfer students from community colleges or junior colleges. *Applications are not accepted directly from candidates.* Each nominee must be

- a full-time junior-level student at a **four-year institution** pursuing a bachelor's degree during the 1999–2000 academic year. "Junior" here means a student who plans to continue full-time undergraduate study and who expects to receive a baccalaureate degree between December 2000 and August 2001, a student in his or her third year of collegiate study who expects to graduate during the 1999–2000 academic year, or a senior-level student who is a resident of Puerto Rico or the Islands,
- committed to a career in public service as defined above,
- in the upper quarter of his or her class, and
- a United States citizen or a United States national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Resident aliens (green card holders) are not eligible.

### SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Foundation employs a two-step selection process to choose Truman Scholars. A committee will examine all nominations and will select about 200 Finalists to be interviewed for Truman Scholarships.

Truman Scholarship Finalists are interviewed by regional selection panels typically composed of senior public servants, college and university presidents, and past Truman Scholarship winners. If a panel judges that no Finalist from a state or district satisfactorily meets each of the scholarship criteria, it does not select a Scholar from that state or district.

The Foundation provides partial support for air, rail, or vehicular transportation costs to attend the interview.

Details on selection procedures and transportation support are shown on the *Bulletin of Information* on the Web ([www.truman.gov/bulletin.htm](http://www.truman.gov/bulletin.htm)).

## TRUMAN SCHOLAR ACTIVITIES

### 1 *Truman Scholars Leadership Week*

The year 2000 Truman Scholars must attend this event, to be held May 21–27, 2000, at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. Travel from the Scholar's home (or institution if the school term is still in progress), lodging, and meals will be provided by the Foundation.

### 2 *Awards Ceremony*

The year 2000 Truman Scholars must attend the Awards Ceremony on May 28, 2000, at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri.

### 3 *2001 Truman Scholars Washington Summer Institute*

The Foundation anticipates having a 10-week Washington Summer Institute consisting of graduate-level seminars and workshops and paying internships in federal agencies for up to 40 members of the 2000 Class of Truman Scholars. The program will be administered by one or more educational institutions in Washington, DC. Paid internships, travel to Washington, and subsidized housing will be provided. Election as a Truman Scholar does not guarantee participation in the Truman Scholars Summer Institute.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

February 1	Deadline for Foundation receipt of nominations
February 15	Posting of Truman Finalists on the Web ( <a href="http://www.truman.gov">www.truman.gov</a> )
February 21	Deadline for Foundation receipt of Finalist Interview Confirmation Form
February 24	Deadline for Foundation receipt of any airline ticket reimbursements
March 24 & April 5	Year 2000 Truman Scholars announced on the Foundation's home page
See <a href="http://www.truman.gov/schedule.htm">www.truman.gov/schedule.htm</a> for a complete schedule, including <b>tentative</b> interview dates and locations.	

## SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS AND NOTIFICATION OF STATUS

Use the forms provided in this booklet or printed or downloaded from the Web. Photocopies may be used. Candidates may not generate their own versions of these forms.

**Respond precisely to the application questions.** Confine responses to the spaces provided.

**Use Items 7–10 and 15 to reveal your values, interests, and motivation for a career in public service.** The Foundation will protect sensitive information.

**Briefly explain any activities, courses, or honors that readers are not likely to understand.**

**Propose a detailed plan for study in Item 12.** Name the graduate institutions of greatest interest which are likely to accept you. (Scholars may change their study plans as long as the new plans are consistent with graduate degrees and fields of study given priority by the Foundation and with Scholar experiences.)

**Prepare a convincing Policy Proposal.** Use the format you feel best presents your ideas and recommendations.

**Alert the Foundation to any unusual circumstances that have limited your activities or affected your grades.** Note such restrictions in Item 15 or ask your Faculty Representative to cover them in the Nomination Letter.

**Make the application and proposal neat and easy to read.** They should be impeccable in terms of appearance.

**Work closely with your Truman Faculty Representative.** You can gain valuable skills for putting together outstanding applications and for presenting yourself well in interviews. The Faculty Representative can help you develop plans for further study.

The deadline for Foundation receipt of the complete nomination package is **February 1, 2000**. Your campus will likely have an earlier deadline for submission of materials to your Faculty Representative. The nominations package must be submitted by the Truman Faculty Representative.

The list of Finalists will be posted on the World Wide Web ([www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov)) on February 15, and Finalists must respond to the Foundation by February 21. Each Finalist's assigned interview date and location will be in the Web listing. **The interview date or location cannot be changed, regardless of the circumstances of the Finalist.**

## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The award may be used only for tuition, fees, books, and room and board or other specifically approved expenses. Payments from the Foundation may be received to supplement, but not to duplicate, benefits from the educational institution or from other foundations, institutions, or organizations. The combined benefits from all sources may not exceed the costs of tuition, fees, books, and room and board as prescribed by the institution's cost-of-attendance budget. The Foundation may withhold or terminate a scholarship due to unsatisfactory academic performance (such as failure to maintain a B average as an undergraduate) or failure as judged by the Foundation to pursue preparation specifically for a career in public service.

Scholars are required to provide an annual report by July 15. Scholars must submit a detailed graduate study proposal and receive approval from the Foundation before funds for graduate study can be provided. Scholars may request postponement of their awards because of ill health or other mitigating circumstances. Scholars may defer for up to four years Foundation support for their graduate studies after completion of their undergraduate studies. Scholars in graduate study programs supported by other means may request additional years of deferral.

## REQUIRED NOTICES

**Privacy Act Advisory Statement.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579), please be advised: Public Law 93-642 authorizes solicitation of this information that will be used to select Truman Scholars. The information may also be used to publicize your selection as a Truman Scholar. Furnishing the information is voluntary; failure to do so will prevent your consideration for a Truman Scholarship.

**Debarment and Suspension Certification.** In accordance with Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, as a condition of appointment, each Truman Scholar must certify that he or she is (a) Not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency; (b) Has not within a three-year period preceding this award been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against him or her for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; (c) Is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the preceding paragraph; and, (d) Has not had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default within three years preceding the date of the Award Letter.

**Drug-free Certification.** In compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, as a condition of appointment, each Truman Scholar must certify that he or she (a) Will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant, and (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation during the period in which he or she is receiving support from the Truman Scholarship Foundation, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction to the Truman Scholarship Foundation.